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STRIKING RESEMBLANCE: A 1979 photo shows a man, right, who resembles incoming Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad holding a hostage by the arm.

Iranian Leader Accused

Ex-hostages say Ahmadinejad was one of captors in 1979

WASHINGTON | The White House said Thursday it was investigating whether Iran's new president played a role in seizing the American Embassy and holding 52 U.S. captives a quarter century ago. President Bush said the allegation by former hostages "raises many questions."

The administration was reviewing its files on Iranian president-elect Mahmoud Ahmadinejad after the hostage comments were brought to light by The Associated Press.

"I have no information, but obviously his involvement raises many questions," Bush said in an interview with foreign reporters. The administration said it would have to

deal with Ahmadinejad, regardless of his past.

Ahmadinejad has been the ultraconservative mayor of Tehran and, according to his associates, was a member of the radical student group that planned the embassy takeover in 1979. But his associates say he opposed the plan and did not take part in holding hostages because he preferred instead to target the Soviet Embassy.

Six former hostages told AP they recognized Ahmadinejad from television coverage



and photos as one of their captors during the 444-day ordeal. It was a painful, frustrating time for the United States and weakened then-President Carter, contributing to his re-election loss to Ronald Reagan.

Ahmadinejad resembles a thin, bearded man pictured on Nov. 9, 1979, holding the arm of a blindfolded American hostage and displaying him to the crowd outside the embassy, although some who know Ahmadinejad say the man is too tall to be the incoming president. **NEDRA PICKLER (AP)**



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Express will not publish on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. We'll be back bright and early on Tuesday.

REPRESENTATIVES | Hey Morons, I'm Sorry A

New York state assemblyman insulted some of his constituents Monday by accidentally sending a private e-mail to an online discussion board referring to reading the opinions



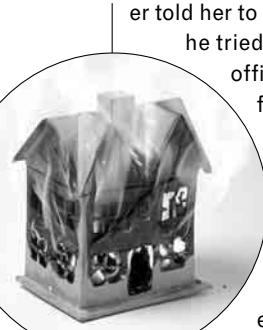
of Brewster, N.Y., residents as "watching idiots pontificate." He apologized shortly afterward for the e-mail, intended for an aide, saying he does "not direct or indirect characterizations to anyone in particular." (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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JOBS

Actually, It Is Your Problem

A 911 dispatcher in Aurora, Colo., has resigned after saying "that's not my problem" during a call from a woman reporting an apartment fire. After she called about the blaze on June 10, the dispatch-



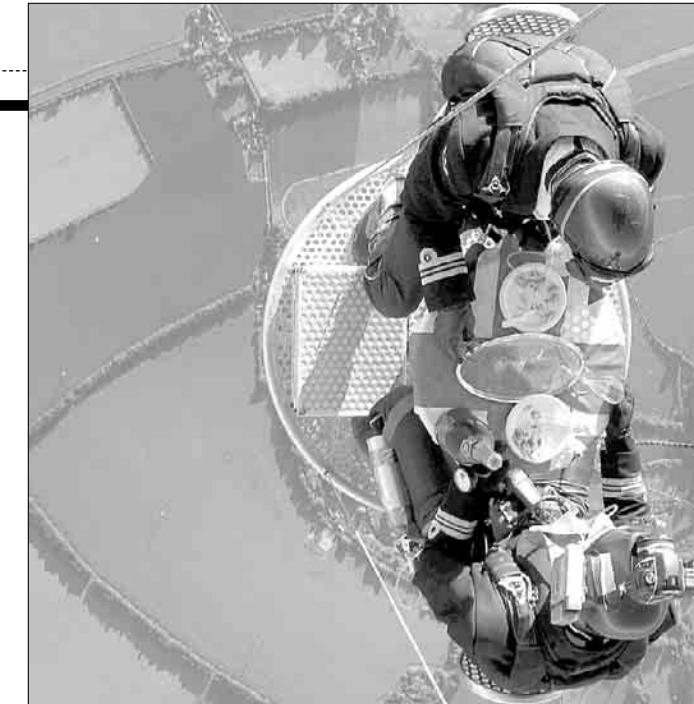
er told her to stop hanging up while he tried to transfer her to fire officials — who were at a fire station only a few blocks away from the apartment building. The caller then said, "The house is burning down," and the dispatcher responded, "Well, that's not my problem." An official called the dispatcher "rude." (AP)

MATRIMONY

You May Now Back Away From the Bride

When Rachel Dunham of Spokane, Wash., took out a restraining order against her boyfriend, she didn't expect to be marrying him a short time later. So instead of honeymooning in Mexico, Rodney Tomsha sits in

jail, accused of violating the order by getting within two blocks of Dunham. The couple were married last Thursday, police said, and authorities showed up at a Saturday wedding reception and arrested Tomsha. Dunham, 25, had obtained the order after two reports of domestic violence were investigated last year. A hearing on the matter was heard Wednesday. (AP)



NEW HIRES

Bad First Impression

A Kalispell, Mont., man was arrested on charges of felony theft last week on the same day he was to be sworn in as a county deputy. Rick Rossmiller, 37, stole a fence and hot tub — cases Rossmiller himself investigated in May, police said. Authorities received a tip about the stolen property on June 22, the day Rossmiller arrived for deputy orientation, and they found the stolen items at Rossmiller's ex-girlfriend's house, officials said. One sheriff said he was "pretty sick" about the situation after having given Rossmiller a glowing recommendation for his new job. (AP)

MEALS

Sky Dining

The service isn't great, but the place has amazing atmosphere. Bear Grylls and Alan Veal had a dinner party at more than 24,000 feet in the air Thursday, while suspended from a balloon over Somerset, England. The meal apparently broke the dinner-height record of 22,326 feet set last year. All you other high-altitude diners — the ball's in your court. (EXPRESS)

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HYBRID THEORY: Will New Yorkers sacrifice leg room to improve air quality? The city's taxi commission agreed Thursday to allow cab companies to add hybrid SUVs to their fleets. They pollute less than regular cabs, but have less legroom by 10 inches.



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In Brief

NEW YORK

Teen Charged With Hate Crime in Assault Case

A white teenager was charged with a hate crime Thursday for allegedly beating a black man with a baseball bat and shouting racial epithets in the Howard Beach section of Queens. Police said Nicholas Minucci, 19, confessed to the Wednesday attack, which left the victim in critical condition with a fractured skull. Investigators said the victim, Glen Moore, 20, and two other black men were looking for a car to steal when they were attacked. (AP)

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Lawmakers Work to Avert Government Shutdown

The governor and lawmakers struggled Thursday to break a budget deadlock by midnight and avert a government shutdown that could mean 9,000 layoffs and the closing of highway rest stops over the July Fourth weekend. With the new fiscal year beginning Friday, the sticking points included taxes, casino gambling and health care for the poor. (AP)

PHOENIX

Ariz. Firefighters Continue To Battle Spreading Blaze

Better weather helped U.S. firefighters battling a central Arizona wildfire, but the blaze continued to grow. The 9-day-old fire, which had charred 175,000 acres by Thursday, was completely uncontained in the northern section and partially contained closer to Phoenix. (AP)

Bush to Raise African Aid to \$8.6B

Money for fighting disease, improving education

WASHINGTON | President Bush, urging new help for Africa before an international meeting focused on its problems, said Thursday he wants to double aid to the troubled continent over five years.

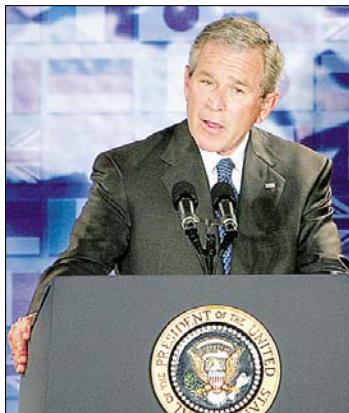
The increase includes initiatives to battle malaria, provide legal protection for women and education to girls. The aid plans impressed some advocacy groups, even though they said most of the doubling would come from already-pledged money.

"Across Africa, people who were

preparing to die are now preparing to live, and America is playing a role in so many of those miracles," Bush said in a wide-ranging speech.

Bush is preparing to attend a meeting next week in Scotland of major industrial democracies and Russia. The summit host, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, has made Africa a top item for discussion.

Bush's initiatives go along with \$674 million in emergency famine relief announced this month and an agreement on Africa debt



RON EDMOND/SIAP

President Bush speaks at the Freer Gallery in Washington on Thursday.

relief. They help the president blunt criticism of his rejection of Blair's proposal for summit countries to increase aid to Africa to 0.7 percent of their gross national product.

Bush says agreeing to Blair's plan is not necessary because aid has tripled during his presidency, though the U.S. gives far less as a proportion of national income than most other industrialized nations.

National security adviser Stephen Hadley said Bush's new proposal would raise U.S. assistance to Africa to \$8.6 billion in 2010, from \$4.3 billion in 2004. (AP)

FRUIT | BERRY? GOOD



FRANK VARGA/SKAGIT VALLEY HERALD/AP

TAKE YOUR PICK: Karen Pederson takes a bite of a strawberry offered by her 2 1/2-year-old son David at the Sakuma Brothers' market stand near Burlington, Wash. on Thursday. Looks like David's eaten some, too.

Fed Raises Rates, Says Economy Still Stable

WASHINGTON | Federal Reserve policymakers raised a key interest rate Thursday, declaring the economy is on firm footing despite gyrating energy prices. The central bank signaled that borrowing costs would head even higher this year.

Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues boosted the federal funds rate by one-quarter of a percentage point to 3.25 percent. It was the ninth such increase since the Fed began to tighten credit in June 2004 in an effort to keep inflation under control.

In response, commercial banks began lifting their prime lending rates, which are used for many

short-term consumer loans, by a corresponding amount to 6.25 percent. The increases left both the prime rate and the funds rate at the highest levels since August 2001.

The Fed repeated a pledge it has been making for the past year to move rates up "at a pace that is likely to be measured." To analysts that phrase translates into additional quarter-point increases at the Fed's next meeting, Aug. 9, and through much of this year. JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)



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Magazine Relents in CIA Case

Time announces it will hand over reporter's notes on Plame story

NEW YORK | Breaking ranks with The New York Times, Time magazine said Thursday it would comply with a court order to hand over the notes of a reporter threatened with jail for refusing to cooperate with an investigation into the unmasking of a CIA operative.

Time relented after just days after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected appeals from its White House cor-

respondent, Matt Cooper, and New York Times reporter Judith Miller, who have been locked in an eight-month battle with the government to protect their confidential sources.

The magazine said that the high court's action will have "a chilling effect" on journalists' work but that Time had no choice.

"The same Constitution that protects the freedom of the press requires obedience to final decisions of the courts," Time said in a statement.

Representatives for both reporters said they believe that the turning over of the notes and other mate-

rial would eliminate the need for Cooper or Miller to testify before a grand jury and remove any justification for jailing them.

A special counsel is investigating who in the Bush administration leaked the identity of CIA officer Valerie Plame, a possible federal crime. U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan is threatening to jail Cooper and Miller for refusing to reveal their sources.

They are due back in Hogan's court next week for further arguments on whether they should be thrown in jail. PAT MILTON (AP)

WET WEATHER | SPLASH MOUNTAIN



BILL LACKEY/SPRINGFIELD NEWS-SUN/AP

SPRAY & WASH: A flooded street and a passing car bring some summer-time fun to a rainy afternoon along South Fountain Avenue in Springfield, Ohio for, Dale Brown, 14, left, and Spencer Mitchell, 14 on Thursday. The two were part of a group who stood along the road waiting to get wet.

Lockdown at Ranch After Mad Cow Case

LUBBOCK, TEXAS | Cattle will not be allowed to leave the Texas ranch that produced the nation's first home-grown case of mad cow disease, and government officials will work to find animals related to the sick cow, authorities said Thursday.

None of those "animals of interest" have yet been identified. If found,

the cattle will be killed and tested, Texas animal health officials said.

Agriculture officials announced Wednesday that the cow had tested positive last fall for the brain-wasting disease. The cow, a "downer" that could not walk, never made it into the nation's human food supply. (AP)

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NASA Officials Set Shuttle Liftoff Date for July 13

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | NASA set a launch date of July 13 for the first shuttle flight since the Columbia disaster 2 years ago, saying Thursday that the agency's best minds have made the craft as safe as possible.

"We are being as smart about this as we know how to be, but we are up against the limits of our human knowledge," NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said.

The space agency set the date for the Space Shuttle Discovery after more than two years of frustrating delays, setbacks and modifications to the shuttle, and a two-day, high-level review of whether the shuttle is ready. (AP)

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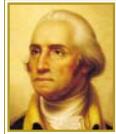
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16 Dead in Afghan Crash

Pentagon confirms all U.S. troops on downed helicopter were killed

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | All 16 U.S. troops on a special forces helicopter were killed when the chopper was shot down by insurgents, the U.S. military said Thursday after rescuers recovered the bodies from the wreckage in a mountainous ravine.

The MH-47 Chinook helicopter went down Tuesday in eastern

Afghanistan while ferrying troops to a battle against militants — the deadliest single blow to American forces who ousted the Taliban in 2001 and are now grappling with an escalating insurgency.

"At this point, we have recovered all 16 bodies of those servicemen who were onboard the MH-47 helicopter that crashed on Tuesday," Lt. Gen. James Conway, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at the Pentagon.

Authorities initially reported

17 people were on board, but the manifest included a person who apparently missed the flight, military officials said.

Conway said it appears an unguided rocket-propelled grenade hit the chopper.

A storm that hampered rescuers from reaching the wreckage Wednesday was over Thursday. Recovery efforts were also hindered by the rugged terrain of the crash site, which could be reached only by foot, and by continued fighting with militants. DANIEL COONEY (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Brazil is seriously considering a plan to build two million low-cost laptops, with half to be distributed in local schools while the other half would be exported, officials said Thursday. The laptops, which would cost \$100 each, are part of a project backed by MIT professor Nicholas Negroponte that aims to provide laptops to children around the world.

INDIA | EVACUATION ROUTE



AP
A boy watches over his family's property after their home was destroyed.

Crackdown on Poor in Zimbabwe Leaves 3 Dead

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA | At least three people were reportedly dead in Zimbabwe Thursday in the government's demolition of informal settlements, human rights lawyers said as a U.N. envoy pressed on with her investigation into the operation.

Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights said two women, one of them pregnant, died Thursday when they fell off the back of trucks ferrying them to a "transit camp" where thousands of displaced people are living in tents.

A 4-year-old boy was run over by a truck Thursday at the settlement, the group said.

Special envoy Anna Tibaijuka, the Tanzanian head of U.N. Habitat, is on the fifth day of her visit to Zimbabwe. She was sent by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to investigate the humanitarian impact of the police blitz. (AP)

BALANCING ACT: People hit the road to evacuate areas flooded in Kandala, west of Ahmadabad, India, on Thursday. Rising waters caused by heavy monsoon downpours have killed at least 23 people in western parts of the country and forced some 140,000 people to evacuate in eastern areas.

AJIT SOLANKI/AP

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The weight in pounds of a catfish caught by Thai fisherman on May 1. It's believed to be the world's largest freshwater fish ever caught. The fish died before it could be given to environmental groups and was cut up for food.

World

In Brief

ROME

Italy Says It Had No Prior Intel on Kidnapping of Cleric

Italy's government denied Thursday it had prior knowledge of the alleged CIA kidnapping of a radical Egyptian cleric and summoned the U.S. ambassador to explain the operation, which has led prosecutors to seek the arrest of 13 purported CIA officials. Italian prosecutors have accused the 13 CIA officials of kidnapping Osama Moustafa Hassan Nasr, known as Abu Omar, in Milan on Feb. 17, 2003, and sending him to Egypt, where he reportedly was tortured. (AP)



The Queen of Oak Bay ferry crushed several boats as it attempted to dock.

WEST VANCOUVER, B.C.

Ferry Runs Aground, Hitting Marina But Injuring No One

A massive ferry plowed through more than a dozen boats Thursday as it attempted to dock at Horseshoe Bay in West Vancouver. Witnesses said the vessel missed the terminal berth and was blowing its horn as it crashed into Sewell's Marina. British Columbia Ferries spokeswoman Deborah Marshall said no one was injured. (AP)

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

2 Babies Die As Hospitals Inundated With Flu Cases

Two babies have died in Cambodia from influenza, part of an outbreak that has inundated hospitals with more than 1,000 children in the capital, forcing some patients to share beds, health officials said Thursday. The victims were boys aged 9 months and 14 months, said Dr. Kdan Yuvatha, chief of the technical department at the state National Pediatric Hospital. (AP)

Spain Legalizes Same-Sex Marriage

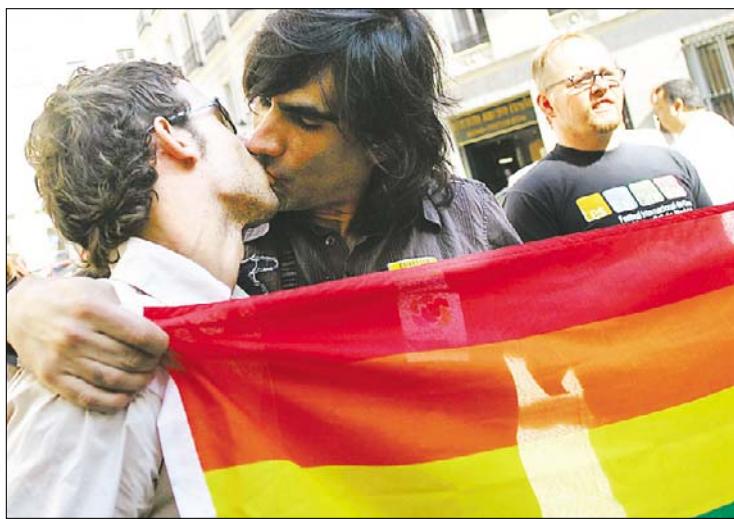
Lawmakers in Madrid vote 187-147 to pass controversial measure

MADRID, SPAIN | Spain became the third country to legalize gay marriage Thursday in a parliament vote that left gay activists blowing kisses to lawmakers and the powerful Catholic Church issuing veiled calls for defiance.

The new law increases the chances of happiness for "our neighbors, our work colleagues, our friends, our relatives," said Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero.

The 350-seat Congress of Deputies, by a vote of 187-147 with four abstentions, approved the measure to give homosexual couples the same rights as heterosexual ones, including the right to adopt children.

Outside the stately 19th-century



HISTORIC DAY: Gay rights activists kiss outside Spain's parliament in Madrid on Thursday after lawmakers voted to pass a measure legalizing same-sex marriages.

chamber, activists jumped for joy and waved rainbow flags symbolizing the gay rights movement.

"It is a historic day for the world's homosexuals. We have been fight-

ing for many years," said Beatriz Gimeno, a longtime leader of the gay rights movement in Spain.

The Roman Catholic Church, which held much sway over the



Protesters wear masks to symbolize the view that traditional families have been silenced in the gay marriage debate.

government just a generation ago, was left smarting from the vote.

"Marriage, understood as the union of a man and a woman, is no longer provided for in our laws," the Spanish Bishops Conference said after the vote.

The Netherlands and Belgium are the only other two countries that currently recognize gay marriage nationwide. MAR ROMAN (AP)

GAZA CLASHES | TAKEN BY FORCE

PROTEST PLAN: Israeli police officers carry a Jewish settler from a Gaza Strip hotel on Thursday after commandos stormed the building to oust dozens of squatters. They were holed up in the facility to protest the Israeli withdrawal from all 21 Gaza settlements and part of the West Bank. Near Jerusalem, pullout opponents briefly blocked a highway for the second day.

Russian Radicals Go on Trial for Putin Protests

39 National Bolshevik party activists accused of causing mass unrest

MOSCOW | Zhenya Taranenko says she was conducting research for her doctoral dissertation on opposition groups when she was swept up in a mass arrest of radical National Bolshevik party activists who had blockaded themselves in a presidential office, waving a banner urging Russian President Vladimir Putin to quit.

Taranenko, 24, and 38 activists went on trial behind closed doors in a Moscow court on Thursday on charges of organizing mass unrest, defendants' relatives said, part of what analysts call a government-sponsored campaign to crush an irreverent youth movement.

While the party claims to disavow violence, officials are increasingly casting it as dangerous, and a Moscow court on Wednesday ordered its disbandment.

The party, officially registered as a public organization, is headed by ultranationalist writer Eduard Limonov, who himself spent 2½ years in jail after being convicted of illegal arms possession.

The group says it strives for social and national justice, adhering to socialist ideas economically, but also promoting nationalist ideas, such as the protection of speakers

in ex-Soviet republics, where the group complains they face severe discrimination.

But the party's most pressing goal is seeing Russia change its leadership.

Since coming to power, Putin has drawn criticism for the state's take-over of television channels, the creation of an obedient parliament and the canceling of direct gubernatorial elections. MARIA DANILOVA (AP)



Putin

Money



FLUSH ROYAL: Life is good for Prince Charles: his bank account is growing. The income of the heir to the British throne rose by 11 percent last year to more than \$23 million, according to an annual financial report released Thursday.

Bank of America To Buy MBNA

CHARLOTTE, N.C. | Bank of America Corp. on Thursday said it will acquire MBNA Corp. in a \$35 billion cash and stock deal that will result in 6,000 jobs cut but transform the third largest U.S. bank into one of the world's largest credit card issuers.

MBNA President and CEO Bruce L. Hammonds, 57, will become CEO and president of Bank of America Card Services and report to Liam E. McGee, 50, president of Bank of America global consumer and small business banking.

The deal is a pricey one for Bank of America, one of the largest U.S. banks, but "not a shocker," said Andrew Collins, an analyst at Piper Jaffray in New York. Collins



SHANNON STAPLETON/REUTERS

The move to buy MBNA will make Bank of America a leading issuer of credit.

said he liked the price, even though he called it a little high.

After the deal is completed, Bank of America said it will be one of the leading worldwide payments-services companies and issuers of credit, debit and prepaid cards based on total purchase volume. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MBNA	26.16	+5.09	+24.2
AdvAmer n	16.00	+1.96	+14.0
Nashua	9.45	+.94	+11.0
WldW Ent	11.42	+1.06	+10.2
MSC Ind	33.75	+3.02	+9.8

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Diebold	45.11	-5.44	-10.8
DeltaAir	3.76	-.33	-8.1
GreenCos	27.10	-2.17	-7.4
LionsGt g	10.26	-.80	-7.2
UniFirst	40.54	-3.06	-7.0

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	6.25	6.00
Fed Funds close	3.375	3.0625
3-month	3.06	3.01
2-year	3.64	3.62
10-year	3.92	3.96
30-year	4.19	4.26

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ColGenex	7.61	+1.21	+18.9
Isonics	3.25	+.51	+18.6
LogicVisn	2.03	+.31	+18.0
RemTp	8.85	+1.35	+18.0
Sentigen	4.80	+.73	+17.8

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
BarrierTh	7.93	-6.85	-46.3
QiaoXing	5.54	-.63	-22.7
Catuity rs	10.10	-1.65	-14.0
Consulier	5.45	-.80	-12.8
Amistar	3.00	-.40	-11.8

Currency

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5591	.5541	.5501
Canadian Dollar	1.2274	1.2283	1.3343
European Euro	.8276	.8284	.8207
Japanese Yen	110.95	110.39	108.83
Mexican Peso	10.7660	10.7490	11.5040
Taiwanese Dollar	31.63	31.60	33.57

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-99.51 -0.96 10274.97	-11.93 -0.58 2056.96	-8.52 -0.71 1191.33

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	85.24	-.125	+5.1
AstraZen	41.26	+.06	+13.4
BarrPhm	48.74	-.88	+7.0
BrMySq	24.98	-.23	-2.5
ForestLab	38.85	+.21	-13.4
Hospira	39.00	-.19	+16.4
IvaxCp s	21.50	-.24	+35.9
JohnJn	65.00	-.70	+2.5
LillyEli	55.71	-.59	-1.8
Merck	30.80	-.03	-4.2
MylanLab	19.24	-.19	+8.8
Pfizer	27.58	-.26	+2.6
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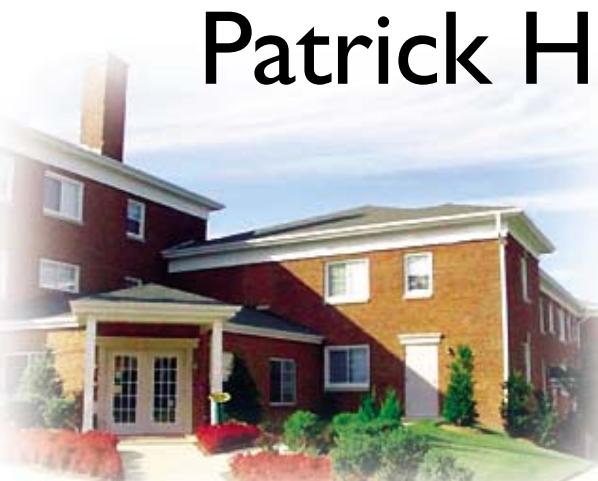
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FOURTH OF JULY | MALL MAKEOVER



RICKY CARIO/TWP

FINISHING TOUCHES: Workers prepare the grounds at the Washington Monument for the fourth of July crowd this weekend. The grounds went under a security and cosmetic makeover which started early last year.



BY THE NUMBERS: The federal government spent \$50 billion on contracts in the Washington area, according to a new report by George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis. The study found the 18 percent increase — nearly \$8 billion — is much higher than the overall nationwide federal spending increase of 10 percent. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, June 30

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	1-7-1
Evening Lucky Numbers	2-1-9
Mid-day DC 4	2-4-0-8
Evening DC 4	1-7-1-7
Quick Cash	38-34-32-23-1-31
Hot Five	1-26-5-25-9
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	14-16-21-38 (9)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	0-7-9	8-9-0-2
Evening Pick 3	4-1-8	3-8-12-26-34
Mid-day Pick 4	8-2-9-0	16-24-25-31-34
Evening Pick 4	6-3-9-1	2-10-11-13-33-42
Match 5	2-3-14-19-35 Bonus: 16	
Lotto (Wed.)	6-19-28-37-38-49	

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	5-5-1	8-9-0-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-3-8	3-8-22-42-49 (39)
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	4-1-2-2	5

EVENING PICK 4 (WED.)

Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	3-8-12-26-34
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	16-24-25-31-34
Lotto South (Wed.)	2-10-11-13-33-42

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House Down on Gun Law

Mayor outraged by vote to weaken city's longtime firearms law

WASHINGTON | The House of Representatives voted Thursday to weaken the District of Columbia's 28-year-old gun control law.

The measure — an amendment to the D.C. appropriations bill — was approved on a 259-161 vote.

The overall bill was scheduled for a vote late Thursday.

The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., repeals the provision requiring that guns kept in homes be unloaded and disassembled. It does not abolish the city's current registration requirements or laws banning handguns, said a spokeswoman for Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C.

The vote came two days after

Mayor Anthony A. Williams and Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey testified before the House Government Reform Committee that repealing the ban would worsen crime in the city.

Williams, in Los Angeles to attend the swearing-in of that city's mayor, issued a statement denouncing the vote. "It's discouraging when members of Congress who don't represent our city try to shove their laws down our throats," he said. (AP)

Va. Gov. Candidates Take on Gridlock

MCLEAN, VA. | The Democratic and Republican gubernatorial nominees pitched competing plans to ease highway gridlock in Northern Virginia to a crowd of the region's business elite Thursday and accused each other of reversing previous positions on the transportation issue.

Appearing in succession and meeting for only a momentary

handshake, Democrat Tim Kaine and Republican Jerry Kilgore promised substantial improvements to the region's choked traffic arteries, and both pledged to do it without new state taxes.

Kaine proposes better land use coordination among neighboring localities and state transportation planners, putting a premium on transportation spending when

there are large state budget surpluses and constitutionally barring legislative raids in lean times on the state's road-building fund.

Kilgore's applause line came when he committed to support two popular projects: widening Interstate 66 from the Capital Beltway eastward into Washington and building an additional bridge across the Potomac into Maryland. (AP)

to clear out people suspected of solicitation. Some said it could let police arrest innocent people they only suspect of prostitution. "This is antithetical to the fundamental American principle that we are not required to prove our innocence and cannot be arrested simply because we might be thinking of committing a crime," Stephen Block of the ACLU told the D.C. Council's Judiciary Committee. (AP)

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Sports Weekend

Farewell Tour

Armstrong eager to exit France as champion

CYCLING | Lance Armstrong is not looking too good these days: He has a black eye, a cut over his right eyebrow and abrasions on his hands and knees.

The six-time defending Tour de France champion crashed at low speed during the start of a training ride last week. He lost control on his time-trial bike and sailed over the handlebars, his helmet splitting in two on impact.

Armstrong shrugs it off.

After all, for someone who's beaten cancer and rewritten cycling's record book, bumps and bruises are small stuff.

"I'm excited about the race. I feel very good on the bike," Armstrong said. "And I would even venture to say that I feel better than I've ever felt."

His bid to win cycling's most famous race for a seventh straight time — and leave the sport as its undisputed king — opens Saturday, with an 11.8-mile time trial ride from Fromentine to Noirmoutier on France's Atlantic coast.

From there, 20 more stages and about 2,230 more miles await before the finish in Paris on July 24. And it's there that Armstrong hopes to sip celebratory champagne while taking one final lap along the Champs-Elysees.

The 33-year-old Texan still insists that, win or lose, this will be his final Tour and retirement awaits. No one else has more than five Tour victories, yet Armstrong said he's not lacking incentive in his quest to stand atop the podium at the finish and don a yellow jersey one last time.

"My kids weren't there last year and that was a real bummer for me," Armstrong said. "And they are going to be there this year. ... For them to come over here, come into

THE CHALLENGERS

Twenty teams will compete against Discovery for the win. The favorites are:

- Jan Ullrich's T-Mobile, led by three riders with top-three finishes recently.
- Ivan Basso, who finished third last year, the leader of Denmark's Team CSC.
- Iban Mayo, who couldn't finish last year, but is a threat. His team: Euskaltel-Euskadi.

my office basically, and see their father at work is important to me. ... That, right there, alone, is plenty of motivation."

Armstrong said the eight other riders who will join him on the Discovery Channel roster represent "our strongest team ever."

That may not be hyperbole, either.

Of the eight, six are holdovers from last year's winning team — American George Hincapie, Armstrong's longtime top lieutenant; Jose Luis Rubiera; Manuel Beltran; Benjamin Noval of Spain; Pavel Padrnos of the Czech Republic; and Jose Azevedo of Portugal. New additions this year are two-time Giro d'Italia champion Paolo Savoldelli and Ukrainian Yaroslav Popovych, who was third at the 2003 Giro. Each is an elite rider, and committed to helping Armstrong win No. 7.

"To finish the Tour, arriving in Paris with the yellow jersey, that's something that is amazing, unbelievable," Rubiera said.

TIM REYNOLDS (AP)



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TV Lineup

→ **TRIBAL COUNCIL:** The now-struggling Orioles will try to get back some wins in Cleveland against the Indians. Televised games are Friday (7:30 p.m. on Comcast) and Sunday (5 p.m. on PAX66).

→ **LEAST OF EAST:** The only team in MLS' Eastern conference worse than D.C. is the Columbus Crew, who United plays Saturday (7:30 p.m. on Fox Soccer Net).

→ **STARZ:** How many Nationals will be selected to the All-Star team? Find out by watching the All-Star selection show on Sunday (7 p.m. on ESPN).

→ **WINDY CITY:** Going up against the newly-recovered Mark Prior, Nats ace Livan Hernandez will have his hands full in Friday's game against the Cubs (2 p.m. on MASN). The series continues on Saturday (4 p.m. on WGN and UPN20) and Sunday (2 p.m. on WGN and UPN20).



AL BEHRMAN/AP

Mark Prior will pitch against Livan Hernandez in Friday's game at Wrigley.

→ **GRASS RULES:** The king and queen of the grass court will be crowned this weekend at Wimbledon. The women's finals matchup is on Saturday (9 a.m. on NBC), and the men's semifinals are on Friday (8 a.m. on ESPN2 and noon on NBC) with the finals continuing on Sunday (9 a.m. on NBC).

→ **LANCE-A-LOT:** The beginning of July means only one thing: the start of the Tour de France. The race starts with the prologue on Saturday (11:30 a.m. on Outdoor Life Network) and continues with the first stage on Sunday (8:30 a.m. on OLN).



NFL | Who Needs Two? Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Tice was fined \$100,000 by the NFL on Thursday for scalping his Super Bowl tickets. Running backs coach Dean Dalton and special teams coach Rusty Tillman were also each fined \$10,000 as well. Tice was on vacation and unavailable for comment but issued a statement in which he said he used "poor judgment." Tice has acknowledged reselling some of his personal allotment of 12 Super Bowl tickets last season and had previously resold his tickets as a Vikings assistant coach. (AP)

Weekend

Sports

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NBA DRAFT | BY MATT SWENSON

A New Age for High Schoolers

THE NBA AND ESPN didn't waste a second all week reminding the public that this was the last year for high schoolers to enter the draft.

Ha.

True, it was the last draft for anyone under 19, thanks to a new collective bargaining agreement. But anyone out there buying the league's message is ill-informed.

How many prep stars do you think

The NBA knows high schoolers have a way around the age limit and it doesn't care.

are already deciding which basketball academy to play at for their fifth year of high school ball rather than wasting a year of college?

By the time they're done with that, the players will have reached the legal limit of 19. The funny thing is that the NBA knows high schoolers have a way around the new age limit and it doesn't care.

Age has never been the real issue with all the players skipping college. Think anyone cares about the education of Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett and Tracy McGrady right about now?

The same is true in other sports. Tennis star Maria Sharapova was a Wimbledon champion at 17, and just last week, three teenage golfers were in the hunt for the U.S. Women's Open.

The NBA's problem has been the image created by what the teens do off the court — namely get caught in legal trouble. Just look at former Terp Chris Wilcox, who made more noise this week getting arrested than he has on the court since leaving College Park for the NBA as a freshman.

Uping the age limit was a way for the NBA to look better to the fans who are leaving the sport. ESPN bought in to help itself.

Never fear, high schoolers are here to stay in the NBA.

Matt Swenson, a lifelong Washingtonian, is the sports editor of Express.

Nats' Record Month

Victory over Pirates sets club record for wins, Cordero gets save mark

NATIONALS | Chad Cordero got out of ninth-inning trouble, and the Washington Nationals won another close game.

Vinny Castilla and Brian Schneider homered as the Nationals beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-5 Thursday for a three-game sweep.

Washington has won 15 of its last 16 home games and has taken nine series in a row at RFK Stadium. The NL East leaders set a franchise record with 20 wins in June.

"That's a tremendous month, and the players deserve an awful lot of credit for the way they have performed and the way they have handled things," manager Frank Robinson said. "They just keep going out and doing the job."

Cordero earned his 15th save in June to tie a major league record for most saves in a month set by Lee Smith in 1993 and matched by John Wetteland in 1996. Cordero wiggled out of a second-and-third, no-outs jam in the ninth inning for his 25th straight save and major league-leading 28th overall. He retired Ryan Doumit on a routine fly with the bases loaded for the final out.

"I'm kind of getting used to it



Brian Schneider and Chad Cordero celebrate the Nationals' 7-5 win over Pittsburgh on Thursday afternoon at RFK Stadium. Cordero got the save — his 15 of the month, 25th straight and 28th of the season. And to think, he's only 23 years old.

because I've been thrown into it so many times," Cordero said. "I was getting a little worried when they were at second and third with no outs, but I really have no idea how I do it."

Esteban Loaiza (4-5) held the Pirates hitless until David Ross doubled with two outs in the fifth. (AP)

CHURCH PUT ON DL, SHORT IS BACK IN D.C.

AFTER THE GAME, the Nationals put rookie outfielder Ryan Church on the 15-day disabled list and recalled infielder Rick Short. Church hurt his shoulder June 22 when he crashed into the wall to make a game-ending catch against Pittsburgh. The 32-year-old Short made his major league debut June 10, hitting an RBI single in his only major league at-bat before returning to the minors.

Rogers Awaits a Penalty

Decision from MLB on pitcher's shoving incident likely Friday

BASEBALL | Kenny Rogers' immediate future will be decided by Major League Baseball, following an outburst by the Texas Rangers ace that sent a television cameraman to the hospital and prompted a police investigation.

Rogers shoved two cameramen before the Rangers' game against the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday in a videotaped tirade that included throwing a camera to



RED HANDED: Kenny Rogers is caught shoving two cameramen on Wednesday.

the ground, kicking it and threatening to break more.

Rangers owner Tom Hicks talked with commissioner Bud Selig Thursday and found out that baseball has jurisdiction since the incident occurred on the field. Hicks said a

decision on possible discipline is expected Friday, but he anticipated that Rogers would be suspended.

General manager John Hart said Rogers (9-3) would travel with the team to Seattle, where the left-hander is tentatively scheduled to

pitch the series finale Sunday.

Rogers wasn't available for comment. He wasn't seen in the clubhouse before the game or in the dugout during it, but Hart said the 40-year-old left-hander was at the ballpark.

"He made it very clear to me that he did the wrong thing," Hart said. "It was out of character, way out of character for Kenny."

KDFW cameraman Larry Rodriguez filed an assault report Wednesday, Arlington police spokeswoman Christy Gilfour said. Detectives were to interview Rogers and Rodriguez on Thursday. (AP)

Thomas Boswell: Discuss the Nationals and MLB today at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Forward Thinking

Wizards must re-sign Hughes, decide on Brown in the offseason

WIZARDS | After defying expectations last year and putting one of the most surprisingly effective offenses on the court last season, the Wizards are approaching the off-season with both patience and confidence. With a free agency pool that's shallow in big names, don't expect the Wizards to be making any big splashes.

"Our No. 1 priority is to keep our own players," basketball operations president Ernie Grunfeld said this week. The first priority of which is sure to be signing shooting guard Larry Hughes.

It's expected that, after signing Hughes, there won't be too much tinkering with the core players. Still, "we have some other free agents we also want to deal with," Grunfeld hinted.

While lips have been initially buttoned about who that might



Kwame Brown's days may be numbered in Washington, which is keeping its options open when it comes to deciding what to do with the former No. 1 draft pick.

be, the team has a few notable needs.

At center, there were no complaints about Brendan Haywood's offensive production during the season, but being in the East requires the Wizards have someone who can

stand up to Shaquille O'Neal.

Although no one doubts Haywood's talent, he simply cannot compete with O'Neal by himself. Then again, there aren't many who can, which is why the Wizards will probably partner him with some-

NOT-SO-SECRET AGENTS

The Wiz may look to add a center or forward. Who's out there:

- **KEEP DREAMIN'**: Shaquille O'Neal, Grant Hill
- **COST-PROHIBITIVE**: Bobby Simmons, Zydrunas Ilgauskas
- **OUTSIDE SHOT**: Glenn Robinson, Bostjan Nachbar, Lee Nailon, Rodney Rogers
- **HMM**: Devean George, Rodney Buford, Jamal Mashburn

one that can fulfill the double threat they never got out of restricted free agent Kwame Brown, whose future with the team is far from certain.

After being suspended for the playoffs, former No. 1 draft pick Brown will likely be interesting trade bait. The Wizards will probably dangle Brown — and possibly point guard Steve Blake — in front of teams that are willing to gamble on losing a good center for Brown's broad potential.

"We'll explore all of our options," Grunfeld said. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

In Brief

BASEBALL

Martinez Strikes Out 6 in Ninth Victory of the Year

Pedro Martinez won for the seventh time in his last eight decisions, and the New York Mets beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3 Thursday. Martinez (9-2) allowed two runs and five hits in six innings, walked two and struck out six. He raised his strikeout total to 2,776, moving past Frank Tanana (2,773) and into 17th place on the career list. (AP)

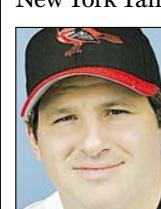
BASEBALL

Kline, Sheffield Suspended

Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Kline was suspended for four games and New York Yankees outfielder Gary

Sheffield for two by MLB on Thursday. Kline was ejected following a balk call Monday night when he angrily protested the decision. Sheffield

was ejected after he argued being called out at first base in Sunday's game against the Mets. (AP)



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The Grass Is Greener

Williams dispenses with Sharapova to get to Wimbledon finals

TENNIS | Venus Williams hopped for joy, punched the air and doubled over in laughter, renewing a once-familiar Centre Court ritual.

The celebration came after Williams earned her sweetest victory yet in a career revival, beating 2004 champion Maria Sharapova 7-6 (2), 6-1 Thursday in the rain-delayed Wimbledon semifinals.

Gritting her teeth in determination between points, Williams kept Sharapova on the run with the kind of overpowering shots that helped her win four major titles. Seeded 14th, she'll play in a major final Saturday for the first time since sister Serena beat her for the 2003 Wimbledon title.

Rain forced the suspension of the other semifinal until Friday with top-ranked Lindsay Davenport four points from the final. She led Amelie Mauresmo 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4), 5-3, love-15 when play was halted.

Davenport, who overcame a 3-1 deficit in the second set and won the final three games before the rain came, is seeking her fourth major title and her first since 2000.



Venus Williams strikes a forehand in her straight-set victory on Thursday over Maria Sharapova in Wimbledon's semifinals. Williams has won the event twice.

Williams is a two-time Wimbledon champion and two-time runner-up, but it has been nearly four years since her most recent Grand Slam championship. She has overcome a series of injuries and the perception that tennis is no longer a priority for her. Now 5-0 in Wimbledon semifinals, Venus

has yet to lose a set in six rounds this year.

"My game has been improving step by step," Williams said. "There were times when I was disappointed in how I played, because I knew I could play better. But all in good time.... Everyone has their moment in the sun." STEVEN WINE (AP)

D.C. Remains Problematic

United solves woes on offense just as defense begins to break down

UNITED | Every time D.C. United solves a problem during this up-and-down season, another one resurfaces like a long-repressed memory.

Recall those fitful days a few weeks ago when the MLS champions could not buy a goal? Now they've scored 10 times in their past three games. United grabbed three in Chicago on Wednesday, the first goals tallied away from RFK Stadium in nearly three months. But it was not enough to prevent a 4-3 defeat, as a defense that finally appeared to be finding its form collapsed against the Fire.

Missed marks, clumsy challenges and bad passes out of the back left



Coach Peter Nowak wasn't happy after United's loss at Chicago Wednesday.

Nowak said. "We had a chance at the end of the game. But you have to be ready from the first minute."

United now appears to have an embarrassment of attacking riches. Freddy Adu played well upon his return from the youth national team, and Ghanaian Nana Kuffour scored in his second career start. But the defense has become inconsistent and tentative. Efforts to sign an Argentine defender in August now seem much more appropriate than they did in mid-June.

It's anyone's guess which United team will show up for Saturday's game at Columbus. Certainly D.C.'s performance against a Crew offense that is one of the worst in the league will indicate whether the team can compete for another championship.

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The Whole Wild World

Miranda July's small debut film covers vast emotional terrain

FILM | A heartbreaker is born in Miranda July's "Me and You and Everyone We Know," her bold and original debut as director, writer and star.

Her witty, sensitive dialogue and keen eye for nuance are strong suits in this ensemble story of love and wishfulness, but it's as an actress that July brings it all home.

She's bashful and brash, awkward and assured, an intricate mix of wallflower and minx who cements together an excellent cast of adults and a surprisingly provocative roster of child actors.

Eerily familiar for all its strange musings, "Me and You" is a simultaneously perceptive and outlandish portrait of what it means to be alone

and lonely in the 21st century.

July plays performance artist Christine Jesperson, who creates weird little videos when she's not on duty as an "Eldercab" driver shuttling old folks around the San Fernando Valley.

A trip to the mall introduces Christine to sadsack shoe salesman Richard Swersey (John Hawkes), newly separated from his wife, with whom he juggles the raising of their forlorn teenage son Peter (Miles Thompson) and Peter's 7-year-old brother, Robby (Brandon Ratcliff).

Christine and Richard's faltering steps toward romance and intimacy are at the center of the film, while July interweaves a string of captivating side stories.

The characters, from young children to senior citizens, seek companionship, solace, direction and tenderness in their own affec-



LOST BOYS: Miles Thompson and Brandon Ratcliff play kids coping with change.

tionately blundering ways. They speak with a charming everyday poetry, often ribald, always wily and insightful.

The action matches the dialogue, July crafting a sort of surreal mundaneness in which people try on socks as earrings and freeway motorists share communal horror

over the plight of a goldfish whose water bag was carelessly left on a vehicle's roof.

July is a singular talent who could be a scene-stealing performer in other people's movies and hopefully will be able to cultivate her joyously eccentric vision in her own films. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



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Another Missed Shot

'Rebound' gives Martin Lawrence's comeback no bounce

FILM | Pop quiz, boys and girls. "Rebound" is:

a) The title of Martin Lawrence's unusual attempt at kid-friendly comedy.

b) The basketball version of "Kicking & Screaming," which was the soccer version of "The Bad News Bears."

c) What Lawrence hopes his career will do.

d) All of the above. If you chose "d," you're right. You'd also be right to avoid



HE'S NO COACH CARTER: Lawrence plays coach to a rag-tag team in a loser of a film.

"Rebound," despite the movie's good intentions to provide wholesome laughs. It's just not funny.

It's overbearing, simplistic and just plain dull.

And it makes you wonder what

happened to Lawrence, who seemingly could do no wrong on the comedy stage and had boundless energy and an arsenal of vivid characters he could bring to life.

Now, after some run-ins with the law, one hit and a string of misses in recent years, it appears he's trying to reinvent himself by playing the reluctant coach of an inept junior high school basketball team.

His character, Roy, simultaneously tries to romance Jeanie (Wendy Raquel Robinson), the beautiful, single mother of his best player. But working with the kids forces Roy to become a kinder person and recognize that having fun is more important than winning.

All of this takes place with the subtlety and finesse of a kiddie sitcom, and even kids would recognize and reject "Rebound" for its lifelessness. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

I work in the tourist industry and will be the only one in D.C. at work on the fourth! But I do have Saturday and Sunday off. What patriotic happenings and other such fun can I enjoy?

You can stop by the National Archives for Declaration Days. You'll miss the reading of the Declaration of Independence on Monday morning, but on Sunday there will plenty of patriotic activities to enjoy.

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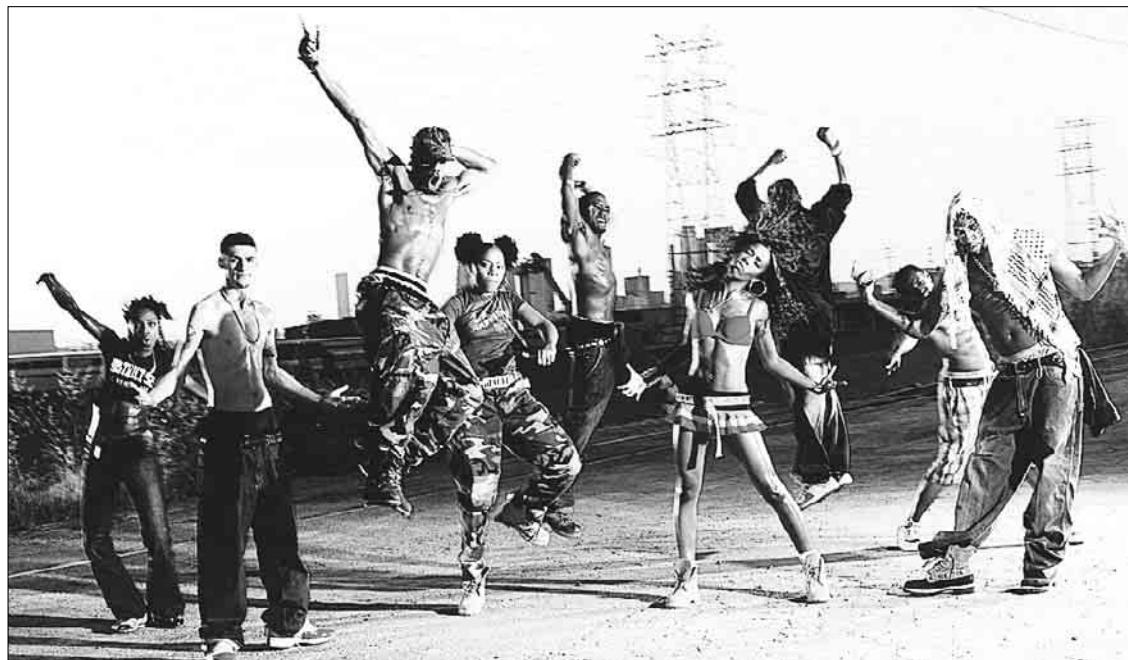
THE ADVENTURES OF SHARKBOY AND LAVAGIRL IN 3-D (PG, 94 minutes)

Robert Rodriguez's 3-D movie for children, based on the writings of his preteen son, is astoundingly boring and, frankly, tedious to sit through. It's about a 10-year-old kid named Max (Cayden Boyd) who daydreams so intensely about his imagined superheroes, Sharkboy (Taylor Lautner) and Lavagirl (Taylor Dooley), that the fictional creations come alive. Max and his superpals find themselves on Planet Drool, where Max must battle the nefarious Mr. Electric (George Lopez). The 3-D effects are unimaginative and eventually too obnoxious for the eyes. (DT)

APRES VOUS (R, 110 minutes) In this French romantic comedy, Daniel Auteuil plays sweet, hapless Antoine, a headwaiter who can't say no to anyone. When he saves Louis (Jose Garcia) from hanging himself, he realizes he also has to solve the man's life problems. This means helping Louis get a job and reunite with Blanche (Sandrine Kiberlain), the florist-girlfriend who dumped him. There isn't much to the movie, and you can see where it's going from kilometers away. But Auteuil is delightful, with a slight aversion of the eyes here, a momentary hesitation in the voice there. (DT)

BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13, 140 minutes) Director Christopher Nolan and his co-writer David S. Goyer (the "Blade" creator) have taken the bubble gum out of those previous Batman movies and returned to the dark spirit of comic book creator Bob Kane's work. This prequel about the early days is slow moving in many respects, but it's narratively entrancing. And Christian Bale makes a credible Bruce Wayne, who undergoes rigorous training under the tutelage of mystical warrior Henri Ducard (Liam Neeson). It's fun to watch how this Wayne creates Batman from scratch, complete with the power body armor, the bat cave and that awesome batmobile. Makes you want to see him take on the Joker next. (DT)

BEWITCHED (PG-13, 105 minutes) Nicole Kidman is engaging as a sweet-natured but very real witch who finds herself playing a fake one in a television re-do of the classic TV series "Bewitched." But Kidman's power smile is just one of very few flickers in a dismal movie. The other flickers come from Kidman's co-star, Will Ferrell, who turns on the physical comedy



DANCING FOR THEIR LIVES: The kids of "Rize" are forgoing the cheap lure of the streets for the self-expression of krump.

as much as he can. But he's working it too hard. When a comedy feels that forced, it's as good as over. The plot—which director Nora Ephron wrote with her sister Delia—feels contrived, as though the characters are only doing things because the script forced them. And even the lightest of comedies should have some serious underpinning. This movie has virtually none. (DT)

CINDERELLA MAN (PG-13, 144 minutes) Forced to work as a longshoreman to feed his family (including his wife, played by Renée Zellweger) during the Depression, down-and-out boxer Jim Braddock (Russell Crowe) jumps at the chance to take on a heavyweight. When he wins, he faces world champion Max Baer (Craig Bierko). In a way, "Cinderella Man," based on a true story, is "Seabiscuit" in boxing gloves. But it has more than that, namely a Runyonesque glow. (DT)

CRASH (R, 100 minutes) The aftermath of Rodney King and 9/11 seems to sear the nostrils of every Los Angeleno in Paul Haggis' white-knuckle hatefest among characters of almost every ideological, cultural or religious stripe. If "Crash" only showed the dark side of humanity, it would barely be worth bothering. But the movie is also about the best in people. As soon as we think we have some character's number he or she turns around and does something quite astonishing. (DT)

DEEP BLUE (G, 90 minutes) This documentary about the sea makes the animal kingdom "perform" to classical and other evocative (sometimes comical) music while narrator Pierce Brosnan issues Hallmarkish voice-over poetry about the mysteries of the deep. But it's still amazing to behold the watery spectacle. (DT)



BORED, BOTHERED AND BEWILDERED: Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell have charm and chops, but can't save the unfunny, unconvincing big-screen "Bewitched."

ENRON: THE SMARTEST GUYS IN THE ROOM (unrated, 120 minutes) Based on Fortune reporters Bethany McLean and Peter Elkind's "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron," Alex Gibney's blow-by-blow documentary retelling of what was, at the time, the largest corporate bankruptcy in history is by turns harrowing and hilarious. And nauseating, too. (MO)

HAPPILY EVER AFTER (Unrated, 100 minutes) A French comedy about love and

sex and marriage—what's not to like? As a plus, this film from writer-director-star Yvan Attal has a rockin' soundtrack and a cameo appearance by Johnny Depp, who makes everything he's in just a little bit better. Too bad that it doesn't have an actual ending. Oh, the heck with it. It ends in the most appropriate way—figuratively (and literally) up in the air. (MO)

HERBIE: FULLY LOADED (G, 101 minutes) A reconditioned lemon by any other name is still a lemon, and this sequel to the "Love Bug" movies of the

1960s and '70s, about a magical VW Beetle that thinks it's a race car, is still a clunker under the hood. That's despite the souped-up star power of Lindsay Lohan, who brings a modicum of pickup, but not much mileage, to the story about a young woman who finds a new friend (and success on the racing circuit) when she rescues a beat-up car from the junkyard. Oh, the film runs all right, only over the same territory that's been worn to a dusty track by countless other sports underdog films. (MO)

THE HONEYMOONERS (PG-13, 89 minutes) This African-Americanization of the classic Jackie Gleason-Art Carney TV show "The Honeymooners" is a really bad idea that turned out even worse. In the Gleason and Carney roles, Cedric the Entertainer and Mike Epps are such hapless characters, it's a wonder the screen itself doesn't curl up in disgust. Cedric plays Ralph Kramden as nothing more than a tubby schemer who drives a bus and who is married, beyond logic, to Gabrielle Union (as Alice.) As Ralph's sidekick Ed Norton, Epps' idea of comic grace is to walk through the movie with a fixed grin and perform pratfalls that wouldn't get a "C" grade in clown school. (DT)

HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE (PG, 110 minutes) Fans of Japanimation icon Hayao Miyazaki ("Spirited Away") are more likely to be wowed by his feature-length, "Yu-Gi-Oh!"-flavored cartoon than are fans of British author Diana Wynne Jones' dark and oh-so-tweedy book, on which it is ostensibly based. While not without its visual charms, the movie—about a young girl (voice of Emily Mortimer) who seeks refuge in the mobile home of a misunderstood wizard (Christian Bale) after she's been turned into an old woman (Jean Simmons) by a witch (Lauren Bacall)—bears no more relation to the novel than gummy bears do to grizzlies. (MO)

KICKING & SCREAMING (PG, 87 minutes) Never one to let weak material stand in the way of getting laughs, Will Ferrell manages to come up with a few great comic bits playing the inept coach of a youth soccer team. Ultimately, though, his anarchic genius is wasted in a kid-die comedy in which everybody learns something in the end. (MO)

LAND OF THE DEAD (R, 94 minutes) There are two types of zombie fans: those for whom the trappings alone—all the staggering about, bullets to the brain and dripping intestines—are enough, and those who still want to be, you know, frightened. It's not that "Land," the latest in George A. Romero's "Living Dead" franchise, doesn't look like a horror film. It's just

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notes especially horrible. Set in a city where the last remaining living people have barricaded themselves against an army of cannibalistic corpses and centering on a couple of zombie-fighting mercenaries (Simon Baker and John Leguizamo), the movie has plenty of blood but nothing to make the heart beat faster. (MO)

LAYER CAKE (R, 104 minutes) Smooth businessman X (Daniel Craig) from London thinks he's got the perfect scheme. A rental agent by day and a cocaine and ecstasy manufacturer by night, he believes he can make the illegal drug trade work for him and not the other way around. But he's underestimated the will and orneriness of the gangsters around him. Director Matthew Vaughn has made a coolly detached, classic gangster saga about the clashing of rival empires, where the only thing worse than the killer before you is the killer waiting behind him. (DT)

THE LONGEST YARD (PG-13, 114 minutes) This remake of the 1974 comedy-drama about a high-stakes football game between vicious prison guards and a rag-tag team of outmatched inmates benefits most from the smart-alecky wit of Chris Rock and the smirking slacker humor of Adam Sandler as genial convicts, even as



MAD, BAD AND DANGEROUS TO KNOW: Gregg Araki's "Mysterious Skin" is a moving, harrowing and wholly mature exploration of the lasting effects of abuse.

it adds little to the original film. Still, the playing out of its predictable formula is not without its rote pleasures. (MO)

MAD HOT BALLROOM (PG, 95 minutes) Marilyn Agrelo's at-times stirring documentary follows groups of young participants in American Ballroom Theater's "Dancing Classrooms" program as they prepare for a climactic dance-off with student ballroom dancers from New York City public schools. In the end, it isn't only about the dancing (although there's plenty of that, and it's pretty darn good) as it is about living and growing up. (MO)

MADAGASCAR (PG, 86 minutes) The lat-

est offering from DreamWorks Animation SKG, a tale of caged zoo animals that escape to the wilds of Madagascar from the Central Park Zoo, is high in antic energy and low on charm. They experience a rude awakening when Alex the lion's carnivorous nature puts their friendships at stake. But the story, which attempts to laugh its way out of the fact that some animals eat each other, never really resolves its central conflict, which arises from the inescapable fact that it's a dog-eat-dog world. (MO)

MONSTER-IN-LAW (PG-13, 101 minutes) It doesn't seem right that Jane Fonda,



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playing the titular harridan, Viola Fields, allows her character, a woman bent on sabotaging the impending nuptials of her doctor son (Michael Vartan) to an impoverished artist (Jennifer Lopez), to be consistently upstaged by her wisecracking personal assistant (Wanda Sykes). The character of Viola is just a tiresome and unpleasant woman who could take some tips on how to dish the competition from her smart-mouthed secretary. (MO)

MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG-13, 112 minutes) The premise is admittedly slight: Husband-and-wife hit men (Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie) are hired to kill each other as bullets and romantic sparks fly. Nevertheless, Pitt and Jolie's monumental charisma, coupled with director Doug Liman's stylishly jaundiced staging, makes this allegory of modern love and marriage a summer diversion that's fast-paced, fun and sexy enough for the multiplex crowd and blackhearted enough for those with a taste for something more acidic. It's a grown-up popcorn movie. (MO)

MY SUMMER OF LOVE (R, 81 minutes) Two young women (Emily Blunt and Nathalie Press) meet by chance in the Yorkshire countryside and instantly understand they are meant for each other. Tamsin (Blunt) is a rich, horse-riding bon vivant without a care in the world. Mona (Press) is a working-class girl who lives over, and runs, a local pub. But their budding relationship is threatened by Mona's brother and born-again Christian Phil (Paddy Considine), who doesn't like their fast growing union. Things get ugly. Whether or not director Pawel Pawlikowski's dark, almost biblical finale brings things to a satisfying conclusion is a matter for debate. But for all its melodramatic excesses, "My Summer" remains highly watchable for atmosphere and performances. (DT)

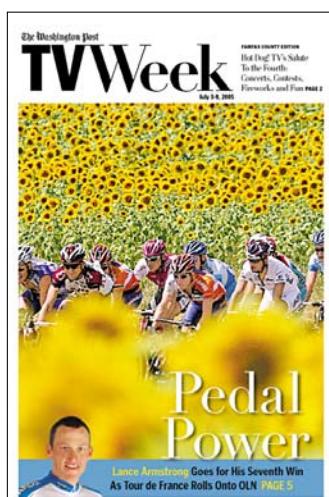
MYSTERIOUS SKIN (Unrated, 99 minutes) Gregg Araki's psychodrama is a helter-skelter ride of the soul, an unblinking, white-knuckle crash landing into the mushy mysteries of the subconscious. It makes an ingenious, dark metaphor out of extraterrestrial visitation and is not for the faint-hearted, the squeamish or the inflexibly decent. The story has two characters: 18-year-old Brian (Brady Corbet), who believes he may have been the victim of an alien encounter, and Neil (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), a gay hustler who had formative sexual experiences as a child with his male baseball coach. Why these two men's histories are in the same drama becomes apparent later. But until that



DISNEY ENTERPRISES

DANICA PATRICK CAN REST EASY: Lindsay Lohan's perky star power does little to rev up "Herbie: Fully Loaded," the formulaic new entry in the "Love Bug" franchise.

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time, we watch — fascinated, appalled and powerfully moved. Corbet is note-perfect as the crushed, anguished Brian, and Gordon-Levitt memorably harrowing as the risk-embracing Neil. (DT)

THE PERFECT MAN (PG, 96 minutes) This movie is disturbing on many levels. Unfortunately, it doesn't even have the good sense to know how disturbing it is and have a little fun with it. As a result, the fluffy romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff as the girl, Holly, Heather Locklear as her mother, and Chris Noth as Holly's unwitting co-conspirator, is something even worse: creepy and boring. (MO)

RIZE (PG-13, 85 minutes) David LaChapelle's film documents the South Central Los Angeles-rooted subculture of clowning and krumping, hyperkinetic styles of hip-hop dance far more athletic and aggressive than break-dancing. "Rize" traces the form's evolution from "krump sessions" in homes and back yards to playgrounds and streets to informal, competitive "circles" that grew into annual Battle Zones that fill an arena, pitting teams of clowns and krumpers against one another in a cacophonous swirl of posturing, put-downs and body quakes. The stars are the dancers and their common resolve and strength of character in the toughest of circumstances. (RICHARD HARRINGTON)

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He's No Angel

Bob Geldof courts controversy as well as international aid

SPLIT VERDICTS | Bob Geldof makes an unlikely saint.

The rangy, foul-mouthed Irishman who was a punk musician in the 1970s is now better known as a champion of Africa, haranguer of the powerful and organizer of star-studded charity concerts.

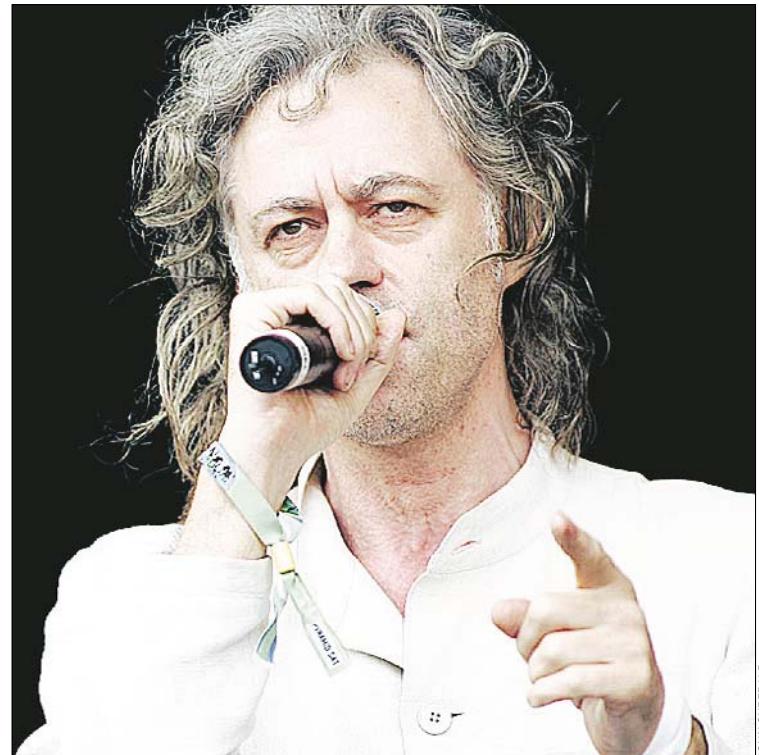
British newspapers once called him Bob the Gob. Now, with just a touch of irony, he's Saint Bob.

Geldof, 53, was first anointed when he organized the 1984 Band Aid single and the Live Aid concerts the next year, which raised millions for famine relief in Africa. Twenty years later, he's behind Live 8, a series of concerts around the world to take place this Saturday designed to press leaders of the rich G8 countries to relieve the burden of impoverished African nations.

Announcing the concerts last month, Geldof said the G8 meeting in Scotland (July 6-8) provided a "unique opportunity for Britain to do something unparalleled ... to tilt the world a little bit on its axis in favor of the poor."

If Live Aid was about fundraising, he said, Live 8 is about awareness-raising, "not for charity but for political justice."

Geldof's passion remains strong.



BIGMOUTH STRIKES AGAIN: Geldof would rather be called a blowhard than a saint.

Yet he is a contentious figure.

Some have criticized his support for fathers' rights groups and opposition to the Euro. Many were puzzled when he said President Bush "has actually done more than any American president for Africa."

Nor is Live 8 universally praised. Blur's Damon Albarn criticized the lack of black artists at the shows, and others say Live 8's call for G8 leaders to double aid, cancel poor

countries' debt and rework unfair trade laws may do more to reward corrupt African governments and salve Western consciences than to relieve poverty.

Oasis' Noel Gallagher — not performing at Live 8 — said he was skeptical that "one of these guys from the G8 ... sees Annie Lennox singing 'Sweet Dreams' and thinks ... 'She might have a point there, you know?'" JILL LAWLESS (AP)

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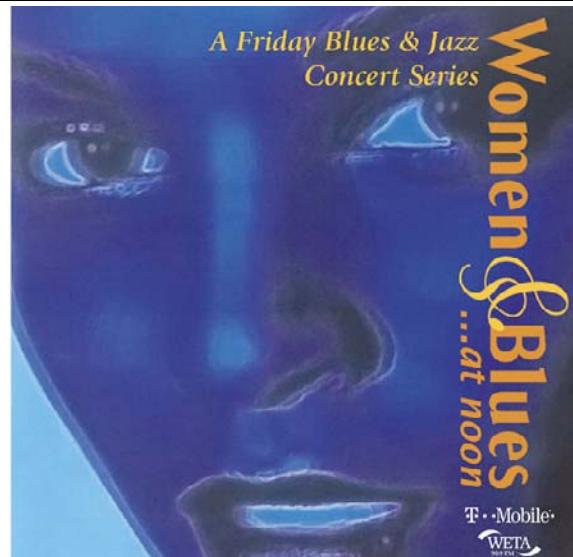
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*BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13)

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*THE PERFECT MAN (PG)

12:45, 5:00

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12:30, 2:55, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55

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11:45, 4:35, 6:55

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11:55, 3:10, 6:40, 10:05

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12:15, 6:20

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11:15, 1:50, 4:15, 7:15, 9:25

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12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

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2:30, 7:05

5X2 (five times two) (R)

12:15, 5:00, 9:25

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*LAND OF THE DEAD (R)

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12:15, 6:20

MADAGASCAR (PG)

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THE LONGEST YARD (PG-13)

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MADAGASCAR (PG)

11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:20

STAR WARS: EPISODE III (PG-13)

12:05, 3:25, 5:25, 7:05, 10:25

CRASH (R)

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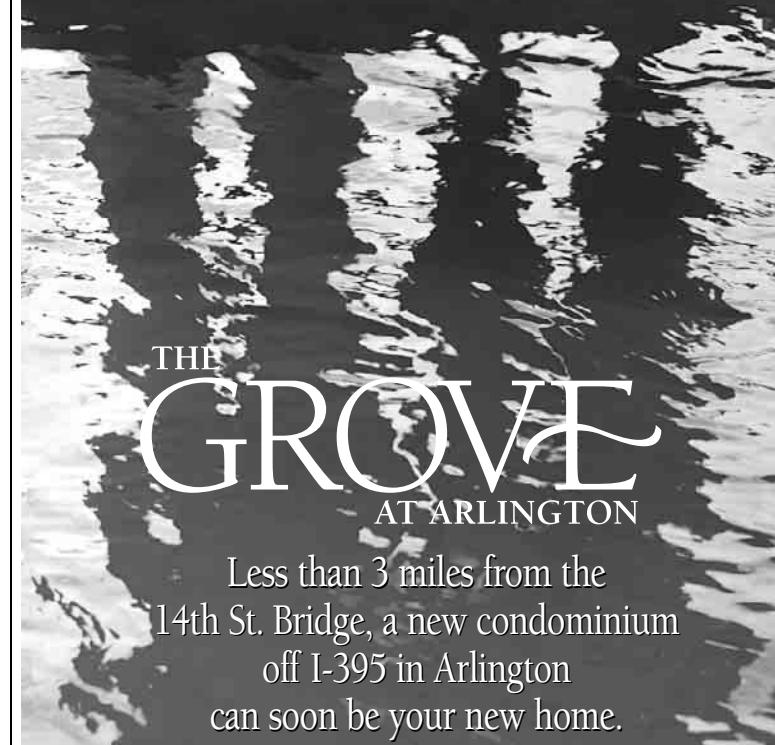
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Sports

Longboarding is like surfing on wheels for landlocked locals

Local surfer Anthony Smallwood lives about three hours from the nearest decent beach. But he's not about to let that come between him and his daily swells. Instead, he rides the asphalt waves right here — surfing D.C. streets on a mega-sized skateboard.

After work, Smallwood likes to head out with his four-foot board to secret spots nestled in Northwest D.C. He carves down tight streets, rips around parked cars and blows past U.S. Secret Service squads. "I ride my longboard every day," said the 40-year-old airline employee. "That's my surfing."

For many street skaters, Smallwood's longboard may not be the sexiest plank on four wheels. Born in the 1950s surfing culture of California and Hawaii, longboarding still has a distinctly old-school flavor. But in the D.C. area and across the country, a growing number of people — land-locked surfers and off-season snowboarders, urban speed freaks and suburban commuters — are finding the skateboard's overgrown cousin to be just the right size.

Don't mistake this for any old skateboard, though. A longboard's roomy deck (some are twice the length of street boards) can flex and cut fluid lines with extra stability. Its soft, big wheels are built for real road abuse, said John Dillon, a longboarder since college at the University of Maryland in the mid-1980s. "We can ride over things like gravel, sticks, dead animals."

These luxuries add up to a ride so creamy that shortboarders can only dream of it. "A skateboard rolls five feet and then stops," said Adam Colton, 22, who is planning a cross-



ROAD WORK: From left, Andy Pillifant, Gene Haffey and Ed Dugan in Arlington.

country longboard tour this summer. "A longboard is fast and smooth. It feels like you can float forever."

Your high-school physics teacher could explain the details. Longboarding feels like surfing or snowboarding because you can channel the potential energy of a wave or hill through your body while perched on a popsicle stick. "It's all

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ON A ROLL: "Some say we're not real skaters. But we're not. It's longboarding. We don't go to the skate parks," said Ed Dugan.

About a Board

about speed, balance, and momentum," said Andy Pillifant, 27, editorial coordinator at a scientific journal. And everyone swears that longboarding can keep your core strength rock-solid until you can reconnect with surf or snow.

Of course, cross-training on a longboard works only if you survive the training. There's no cushy powder, no forgiving ocean swells. Last year, a spill left bartender Bret Wasley, 28, with a limp and a concussion. It took five months before he could face the board again. "I wreck all the time



BOARD NOW: Gene Haffey, 28, picked up longboarding in San Diego, Calif.

in snowboarding and surfing," he said. "I'm telling you, longboarding is scarier."

Professional downhill racers and weekend hill-bombers up the ante further. Crouched in an aerodynamic speed-tuck posture, they point their bodies down a steep hill and simply shoot. Speeds can reach up to 50 mph in controlled races.

For the past few years, the D.C. Downhill Club has invited professional speed demons from all over the world to show their stuff during the Adams Morgan Day festival in September. Mandatory gear

includes full-body leather, thick gloves, face helmets and plenty of respect for gravity. "It's hell on wheels," said Smallwood.

So why can't work commutes be as much blood-curdling fun? For four years, Doug Dupin, 38, longboarded nine miles roundtrip from Palisades to the Department of Agriculture. Tame hills, sure, but more exciting than the Metro. When he itched for more, a couple of 175-mile tours along the C&O Canal towpath and mid-Atlantic backroads proved the longboard's potential for adventure. "I'm expecting the art of longboarding as transportation to really take off," said Dupin, who has designed his own experimental touring boards.

Actually, today's weekend warrior could be tomorrow's untapped longboarding market. Years after overworked joints cry out for mercy, a smooth longboard ride still makes a good workout. Just leave the bone-shattering hills to the kids, plant yourself on the Capital Crescent Trail and fire up the Beach Boys on your iPod. "You don't have to be young and edgy to do it," Smallwood said. "You can be anybody." REGINA NUZZO

Best Friends Forever?

Relationships

New books examine the trauma of ending a close friendship

Friendships blow up or fade away all the time. Some believe losing a friendship is a particularly traumatic event for women — a theory explored in a couple of recent books that have inspired wider discussion of a topic sometimes seen as taboo.

Women "have an expectation that romantic love might not last. But the idea is that friendship is made of much stronger stuff — that you're friends forever," said



SEPARATION ANXIETY: Candace Talmadge and her friend Linda drifted apart.

Elissa Schappell, co-editor of the new book "The Friend Who Got Away," a collection of essays writ-

ten by 20 women. "There's almost no vocabulary for talking about it when it falls apart. That's where the

shame of it comes from."

"It's not always 'Ya-Ya Sisterhood' or 'Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants,'" said co-editor, Jenny Offill. Nor is it usually a cat fight, she said. Much more often, when women's friendships end, the experience is far more subtle.

Candace Talmadge continues to feel the tug of her childhood friend Linda, with whom she slowly lost touch after Talmadge moved to England at age 14. "I don't think Linda ever forgave me for moving. I think she felt abandoned," said Talmadge, now a 51-year-old author living in Lancaster, Texas.

In some cases, the damage done when friendship ends is so severe that some compare it to the end of a marriage. That was the case for Karen Eng, who wrote

about it in another recent book of essays, which she edited, titled "Secrets and Confidences: The Complicated Truth About Women's Friendships."

Eng says her husband ("a super-sensitive, New Age guy") did not understand the importance she placed on this difficult friendship.

Offill, co-editor of "The Friend Who Got Away," jokes that a book of essays written by men who've lost friends might be titled "Oh Yeah, I Used To Know That Guy." She and Schappell spoke with male writers, hoping some would write essays for their book. But, invariably, they found that men's break-ups with friends were "very undramatic," Offill said.

Offill said several people who've read her book have told her they'd like to reconcile with a friend. "A few people," she said, "are even sending the book to the friend they're no longer close to as an olive branch."

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SUMMER IS THE TIME FOR NEW relationships. A trip to RFK for a Nationals game is a metaphor for a new couple: The team hasn't yet broken our heart and neither one of us has started to annoy the other. But a ballpark date can be tricky. You want to look nice, but you'll have to contend with mustard stains, peanut dust or a beer shower courtesy of the lunatic behind you. These two outfits will play up your assets while our boys play ball. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)


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Debate: Hat or Not? One issue rises above all others in the baseball-as-date scenario: To hat or not to hat? Our team of fashion experts batted this one around (get it?) and eventually came up with a compromise — if you would usually wear a hat, wear a hat. Abide by a few rules, however. ① Keep the rest of the evening in mind. A baseball cap is not, never was, nor shall be appropriate at a sit-down dinner. ② Make sure it's nothing too stinky or ragged. ③ The hat should recognize at least one of the teams playing. The time to show your allegiance to the Yankees is not at a Nationals-Brewers game. ④ Nationals hats should be red, white and blue — none of those pink bucket numbers, on this day or any other. K.P.K.



Beauty



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VOICES

Auto Safety

About Air Bags

RANDA RADWAN SAMAHY of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration was online Thursday to talk about air bag safety | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

I've heard that air bags have taken hundreds of lives and injured thousands more. Is this true? What can I do to protect myself from potential injury from an air bag?

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I know all cars should have driver's side air bags, but do passenger seats have them by law? I have a 1990 Ford Mustang and have only a driver's side frontal air bag.

Frontal air bags began appearing in light passenger vehicles in significant numbers in the mid-1990s. Starting in the 1999 model year, all light vehicles (passenger

cars, pickups, vans and SUVs) were required by NHTSA to have frontal air bags for the driver and the right front passenger.

Why aren't side impact bags used in the back seats?

Actually, there are an increasing number of side air bags available to protect people in the back seat. While few vehicles have chest protection air bags for rear seat passengers, more now have curtain systems for head protection.

I'm a five-foot tall adult female and only recently learned that I'm to sit at least 12 inches back from the air bag in my steering wheel or risk death and injury from the deployment of the air bag. Is that true?

The recommendation is for belted drivers to maintain a distance of at least 10 inches from the air bag regardless of height. That recommendation has been around since air bags became mandatory in the late 1990s.

→ Today on Live Online

II A.M.: Wendy Turner and Linda Henry of SeaWorld San Diego discuss "March of the Penguins," a film documenting the yearly journey of Emperor penguins in Antarctica to their breeding grounds.

Letters

Oprah Not Treated Unfairly

I HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT perplexed with the amount of coverage the Oprah-Hermes story has received, including "Shopping While Black" in Thursday's Express. The fact that this days-old story warranted a full page is a clear statement about what we perceive as significant in our society. Even as an African-American woman who has experienced blatant racism firsthand, it's hard for me to believe the Hermes incident was race-related.

It sounds like a classic case of bad timing — the store says they were preparing for another event. For once, since Oprah's days of grow-

ing up a southern Black girl with pig tails, she was treated like the rest of us, of any race, would be treated.

—JACQUELINE P. SULLIVAN
Suitland, Md.

Taking Logo Isn't 'Borrowing'

REGARDING YOUR Nike story in Thursday's Express ("Nike Tour Borrows D.C. Punk"): When you produce a work based largely on the work of another without permission or credit, it's called plagiarism not "borrowing." The same language should be used for companies that use the work of others for profit [as Nike is accused of doing with an album cover by punk band "Minor Threat"].

—KEVIN COLE
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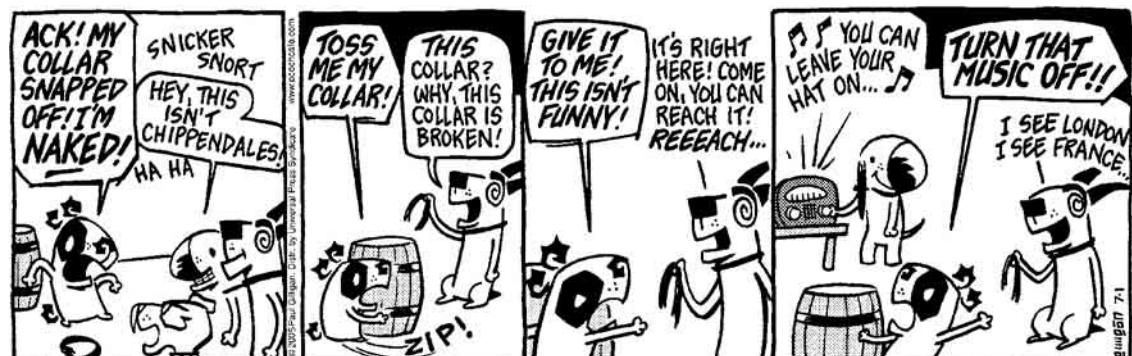


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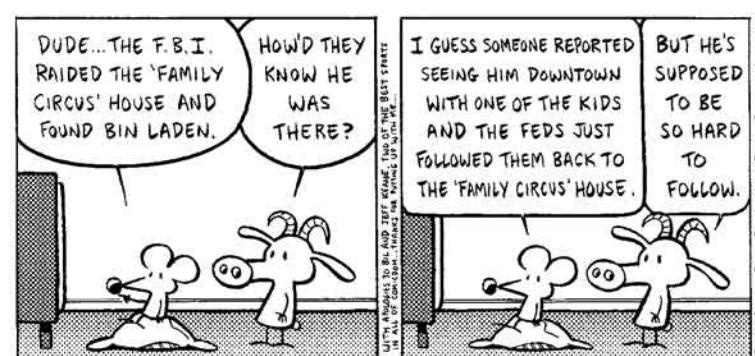


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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can avoid serious emotional pitfalls provided you pinpoint your current vulnerability as early as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take care of your mental, physical and emotional health. Make time for a visit to someone who knows you well and who can speak frankly to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your luck will increase, but this does not mean you should throw caution to the wind. On the contrary, you have cause to play it more safe than usual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A down-to-earth approach is advised. Keep yourself from building castles in the air; stick to what you know and what you do best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll find yourself quickly swept up in another's pet cause but you can do some good work and contribute a great deal toward major progress.

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Now is no time for you to let opportunities go by; you have many choices to make. Some may defy calculation of actual worth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Spend some time alone to recharge your spiritual batteries. You've been too willing to get caught up in the grind recently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be willing to live up to duties and obligations. Shirk and you'll pay for it for some time. You can't afford to harm your reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may find it difficult to communicate openly with a loved one or co-worker. There is more to this dilemma than meets the eye; it's time for you to dig.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You'll win a good deal of respect, but come nightfall you may do something which may risk everything you've gained. Play it safe.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't be fooled: What you don't know can hurt

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DON'T bring a grill to the National Mall for the July 4th fireworks, says National Park Service spokesperson Bill Line. Picnic items are fine, but cooking materials and anything glass is strictly verboten. And don't forget your ID for the security checkpoints — they'll be everywhere.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



Partly sunny, humid, thunderstorm
92°



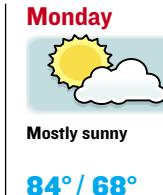
Evening thunder-storm possible
70°



Partly sunny, breezy
86° / 65°



Mostly sunny
84° / 66°

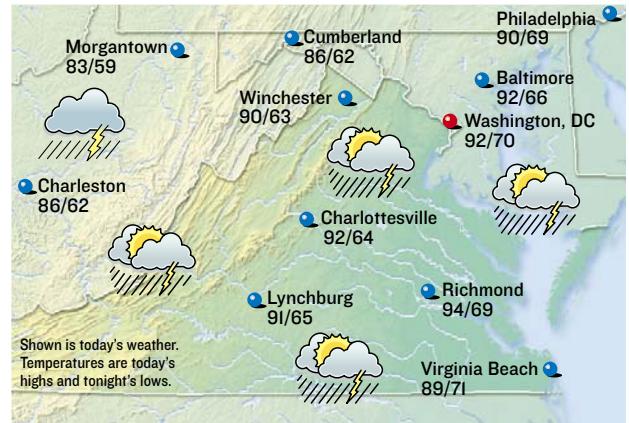


Mostly sunny
84° / 68°



Partly sunny, humid
90° / 72°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	87°
Low	69°
Normal high	87°
Normal low	68°
Average humidity	68%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	1.03"
Month to date	2.87"
Normal month to date	3.13"
Year to date	21.21"
Last year to date	17.14"
Normal year to date	19.16"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, hot, humid, a gusty thunderstorm late. High 92°.

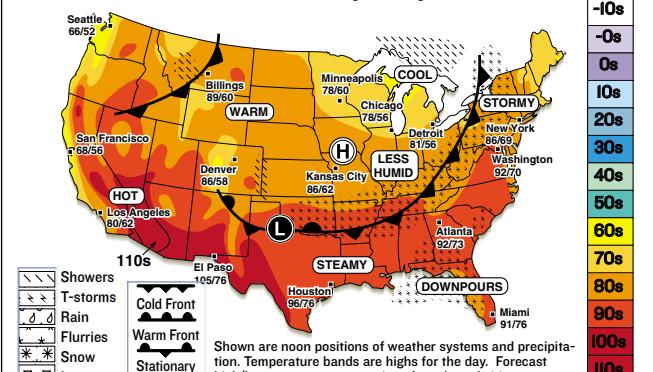
Wind southwest 6-12 mph, but gusts over 40 mph in any thunderstorm.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:47 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:37 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:04 a.m.
Moonset today	4:31 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, July 1



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	92/73/t	92/70/t	Amsterdam	70/59/sh	70/59/pc
Boston	78/64/t	78/60/t	Athens	91/72/s	90/70/s
Chicago	78/56/s	80/60/s	Berlin	70/57/r	75/57/pc
Dallas	98/76/t	94/78/t	Buenos Aires	69/57/sh	67/51/r
Denver	86/58/t	89/58/s	Calgary	68/47/pc	60/42/c
Honolulu	87/75/s	87/74/pc	Dublin	63/55/sh	64/54/sh
Los Angeles	80/62/pc	80/62/pc	Geneva	73/59/sh	71/53/pc
Miami	91/76/t	91/77/t	Moscow	65/50/pc	66/53/r
New York City	86/69/t	84/64/pc	Rome	88/68/s	90/68/s
Orlando	88/75/t	90/75/t	Sydney	62/47/pc	61/49/pc
Seattle	66/52/c	66/52/sh	Tokyo	81/75/sh	84/70/t

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

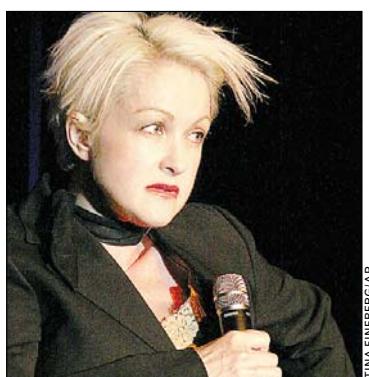
LOOK OUT

PEOPLE

VACATION

Bahrain Has a Very Special Guest

MICHAEL JACKSON began a vacation at a prince's palace in the Gulf kingdom of Bahrain, his first trip overseas since being acquitted of child molestation charges, an official close to the royal circle said Thursday. Jackson and his three children arrived on a private plane from Europe on Wednesday night for an indefinite stay. (AP)



Like adult chicken pox, rent-control issues hit celebrities rarely, but hard.

HUH?

\$1,000 Per Month in NYC And They're Complaining?

CYNDI LAUPER has lost her bid to have the rent on her Manhattan apartment cut nearly in half. On Thursday, the New York state Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that set Lauper's rent at about \$1,000 a month. She claims she was cheated out of thousands in a scheme to end rent stabilization for their residence. (AP)

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Bennifer II Merges Into Single Entity

BEN AFFLECK and **JENNIFER GARNER** tied the knot on Wednesday — and she's pregnant, the couple's notoriously closed-mouthed publicists finally confirmed on Thursday. The confirmation came after US Weekly reported that Affleck, 32, and Garner, 33, were wed Wednesday at the Parrot Cay resort in the Caribbean islands of Turks and Caicos. The National Enquirer also released photos it claimed showed Garner arriving on the islands with her "Alias" co-star Victor Garber. Reports in April about an engagement were never confirmed. In May, E! News reported that Garner was pregnant and the baby was due in November, but neither star confirmed that report. (AP)



Nothing can stop Nick from singing.

SCHEDULING

Carter Insists on Continuing Total Flameout in Public

Backstreet Boys singer **NICK CARTER**, will continue to tour with his band despite a drunken driving conviction that requires him to complete a three-month alcohol treatment program. Carter will likely enter the program in the fall, after the tour has ended, his spokeswoman said Thursday. "It absolutely does

not affect the ... touring at all," said spokeswoman Juliette Harris. (AP)



forged paperwork giving himself power of attorney. The singer also claims Edwards used his credit cards to take \$105,000 and had written checks for \$150,000. Edwards denied the allegations and has indicated Studdard owes him money. Studdard won "American Idol" in May 2003. (AP)

formed Thursday. The couple, who have been together for almost two years, exchanged vows at the New Hope Presbyterian Church on June 15 and their marriage certificate was granted Thursday in Shelby County, according to a report in People magazine. (AP)



The Census will soon add a checkbox for "A.I. contestant."

THEFT

Watch Out, Clay Aiken: Your Identity Is Next

"American Idol" winner **RUBEN STUDDARD** has filed a complaint with the Birmingham, Ala., police department, accusing his ex-manager of identity theft and forgery. Studdard, 26, said in the complaint filed Monday that Ronald W. Edwards

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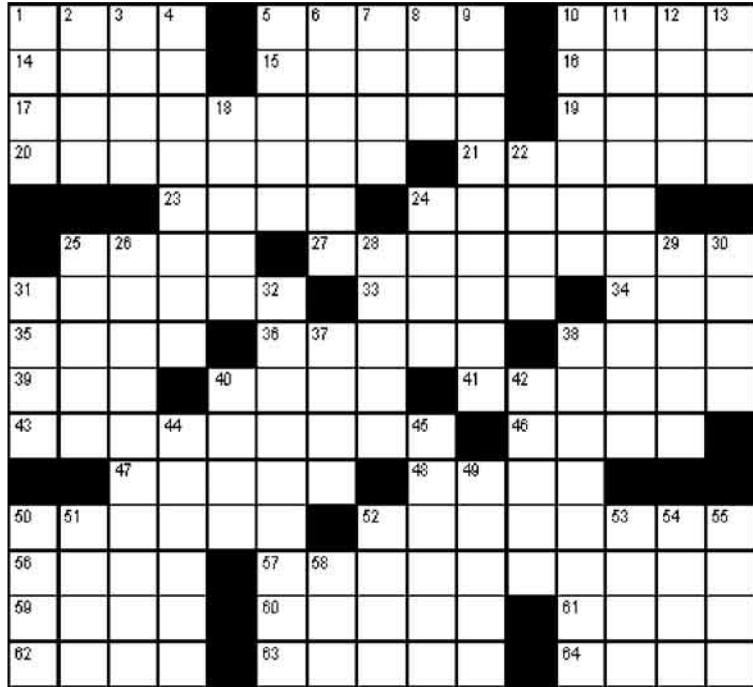
1 Copycat
5 Showed sudden interest, in a way
10 "Here comes trouble!"
14 Use a crystal ball
15 Popped up
16 Summon publicly
17 Brazier's alloy
19 Belgian composer Jacques
20 Mite or tick, e.g.
21 Ranked, as for a tournament
23 Deer that are reddish-brown in summer
24 Perceived by the ear
25 Third Chinese dynasty
27 Linguist's concern
31 Cascade Range mountain
33 Shoulder protection
34 Word in a Doris Day song title
35 Boathouse inventory
36 Goodnight girl of song
38 Tunesmith Bacharach
39 It may be flipped
40 Cleaving tool
41 They don't get backing
43 Humiliate
46 d'oeuvres
47 Where the euphoric walk?
48 Role for Robin

Williams

50 Nordic sport
52 One way to decrease the work force
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57 Stubborn
59 Concluded
60 A bit of color
61 Be king
62 Baby's first word, perhaps
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64 Intellectually acute

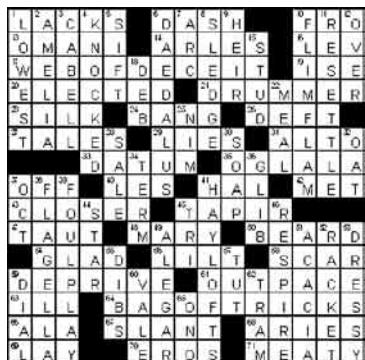
DOWN

1 Turkish biggie
2 Jack before Johnny
3 Book before Nehemiah
4 Symbol respected worldwide
5 River to the Rhone
6 "Disraeli" Oscar winner, George
7 "Sweeney" (Sondheim musical)
8 Function
9 Urges
10 In high spirits
11 Carry Nation target
12 Pointed arch
13 Detained
18 Attempt to be heard
22 Sea eagles
24 "___ for All Seasons" (1966 film)
25 ___ Weizmann, Israel's first president
42 Pang



26 Tough as they come
28 Some dueling choices
29 Some weightlifting maneuvers
30 Hardens
31 Dover specialty
32 They're sold to developers
37 Engine sound
38 It keeps one's place in the Bible
40 Kukla and Ollie's friend
42 Pang

44 "Peer Gynt" dancer
45 Blur
49 Last choice on some lists
50 In brogans, e.g.
51 Underground chamber
52 "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind" composer
53 Together, in music
54 Prompter attachment
55 Tree of life locale
58 Small island

Yesterday's Solution

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Yesterday's Solution

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8	9	4	7	3	1	5	6	2
9	6	5	3	4	8	2	1	7
1	4	8	2	9	7	6	3	5
2	7	3	1	6	5	9	4	8
3	1	6	8	5	2	4	7	9
7	8	2	9	1	4	3	5	6
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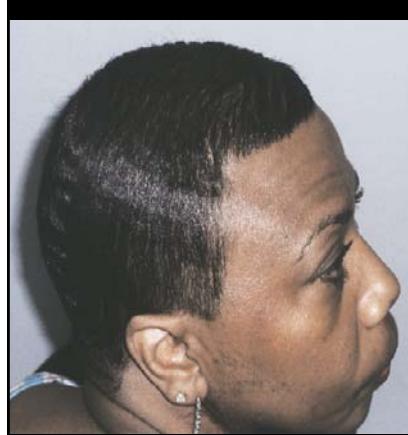
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